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AIDS Services of Austin	Food Bank	Central Texans living with HIV and AIDS	1) Clerical/adminstrative work 2) maintenance and groundskeeping work 3) Food Bank	Sandy Bartlett 406-6163 asa.mail@asaustin.org
AISD	Project HELP (Homeless Education & Learning Program)	Homeless children and youth	1) Tutoring 2) Saturday Empowerment Academy 3) School supply preparation 4) Clerical work 5) Special group projects: making toiletries packs, snack packs, supply packs	Cathy Requejo 414-0760 crequejo@austinisd.org
A New Entry/SUSTANE	1) Transitional Housing 2) Case Management 3) Employment Development	Homeless & Ex-Offenders Populations	1) Client Training Programs 2) Job Search Assistance 3) General Office & Administrative Support 4) Computer Lab Support	Peter Daniels - Executive Director 470-3243 www.anewentry.org
ARC of the Capital Area	Adult Match Program	Disabled Individuals	1) Care for children with disabilities 2) Mentor adult clients to help them experience new opportunities in the community 3) Help clients with their academics and teach life skills 4) Support clients & their families in the Special Education process 5) Spanish speakers for translation during meetings 6) Special events	Sarah Andrews 476-7044 x217 sandrews@arcofthecapitalarea.org
Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (ATCMHMR)	1) ACCESS 2) Safe Haven 3) Community Voice Mail 3) Austin Recovery	People whose lives are seriously affected by developmental disabilities, mental, emotional and substance use disorders	1) Participate on a variety of action committees 2) Food pantry 3) Prepare CVM binders and help with mailing of CVM newsletter	Volunteer Contact: 440-4036 (CVM Contact: Teresa Jedinak - 440-4064)
Blackland CDC	1) Transitional Housing 2) Affordable Housing 3) Senior Housing	Homeless Families Low-income families, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities	1) Help with rehabilitation of housing for low-income families: light construction, painting, drywall, etc. 2) Provide onsite childcare for affordable/transitional housing tenants while they are in money management classes. 3) Help with garden for senior citizens	Primary Contact: Pam Johnson - 972-5795/pjohnson@blacklandcdc.org Donation contact: Isabelle Headrick - 972-5796/headrick@blacklandcdc.org Housing Rehabilitation Contact:Bo McCarver 474-6009/bmccarver@austin.rr.com
Caritas of Austin	1) ReEntry 2) Passages 3) Permanent Supportive Housing (Spring Terrace)	chronically homeless individuals	1) Community advocates mentoring clients transitioning to self-sufficiency 2) Apartment repair 3) Employment job development 4) Social work interns	Molly M. Sipe - 479-4610 ext 121/msipe@caritasofaustin.org Nancy Ellis - 479-4610 ext 165 /nellis@caritasofaustin.org Donation Contact:cthomas@caritasofaustin.org

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Casa Marianella	1) Casa Marianella Emergency Shelter 2) Posada Esperanza Shelter for Women and Children	Immigrants and refugees	Teach English, childcare at Posada, transportation to appointments, cooking meals	Nicole DeGreg 385-5571 casamvols@yahoo.com
Community Partnership for the Homeless	1) Transitional Housing 2) Food Pantry	Homeless veterans	1) Distribute food through weekly food pantry. 2) Solicit donations of household goods, clothing, other necessities. 3) Assist with maintenance, gardening, other improvements to housing.	Joyce G. Pohlman 469-9130 jpohlman@austinhomes.org
Family Connections		Young children, parents, child care providers, teachers, community leaders	N/A	Donation Contact Only: Rick Rivera 327-7880
FamilyEldercare	Representative Payee Program	Provides chronically homeless adults with increased access to income and assistance in receiving and managing benefits, so that they can transition to or maintain permanent housing.	1) Administrative/Clerical opportunities 2) Interns 3) Provide budget set-up, checkbook balancing, and management of monthly bill payments for individuals determined to be incapable of handling their own finances.	Primary Contact: Joyce Hefner - jhefner@familyeldercare.org /483-3553 Volunteer Contact: Faith Unger- funger@familyeldercare.org /483-3582 Donation Contact: Julie Freeman - jfreeman@familyeldercare.org /483-3579
Foundation Communities	1) Garden Terrace 2) Spring Terrace	Homeless individuals - some are veterans and/or disabled individuals.	1) Food pantry 2) Computer classes 3) Spanish and American Sign Language teachers 4) "Lifeskills" coach to residents 5) Resident transportation assistance 6) Helping people to the grocery store or doctor's appointments	Volunteer Contact: Jackie Blair 447-2026 ext. 35 jackie.blair@foundcom.org
Foundation for the Homeless	1) Feed My People 2) Interfaith Hospitality Network	Homeless individuals and families	1) Serve breakfast downtown Tuesdays and Thursdays at Feed My People. 2) Sunday Host and Sunday Kids Activity Planner 3) Shelter Host- Prepare meals, supervise guests, or spend the night 4) Volunteer Groups to spruce up Day Center 5) Deliver furniture to clients	Lori Kirchgatter 453-6570 lkirchgatter@foundationforthehomeless.org
FrontSteps	1) The Austin Resource Center for the Homeless 2) Garden Terrace Residences	Adult homeless individuals	1) Front Desk Support Volunteers 2) Dinner Servers 3) Clothing Closet Helpers 4) Emergency Shelter Intake Volunteers	Susan Morris 512-305-4133 smorris@frontsteps.org
Goodwill Industries of Central Texas	1) Green Works Project 2) Community Rehabilitation Programs 3) Video Phone Service 4) Goodwill Assistive Technology Lab	People with barriers to employment	1) Computer Museum: cataloguing computer museum pieces, greet guests, document attendance and answer general questions 2) Store: sort and display donations 3) Green Works Project: demanufacture donated computer systems to be resold or recycled 4) Community Center: special projects and general administrative tasks	Christine Chute 748-1684 christine.chute@austingoodwill.org

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House the Homeless	1) Universal Living Wage Campaign Tax Day (March 1-April 15th) 2) Universal Living Wage Campaign Bridge the Economic Gap Day (Aug 21st - Sept 3rd) 3) Homeless Memorial (Oct 1st-2nd week in Nov) 4) Thermal Underwear Drive and Give-a-way Party (2nd week in Nov-Dec 25th)	Homeless	1) Assist in one of our programs, targeting all minimum wage workers/supporters seeking income equity and people living in the streets of Austin during the winter	Richard Troxell 796-4366 rrtroxell@aol.com
LifeWorks	1) Street Outreach 2) Emergency Shelter 3) Transitional Living Shelter 4) Supportive Housing Program 5) Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention 6) Substance Abuse & Violence Prevention 7) Teen Parent Services 8) Youth and Adult Counseling 9) Resolution Counseling 10) Kid's Exchange 11) GED & Life Skills Training 12) Foster Care Transitional Services 13) Ben & Jerry's PartnerShop	1) At-risk youth and families 2) Foster care youth 3) homeless youth	1) GED Tutor 2) Street Outreach Volunteer 3) Exchange Kiddos Supervisor 4) Kid's Exchange Data Entry 5) Pregnant & Parenting Case Aide 6) Health Screening Volunteer 7) ESL Tutor 8) Special Events Support	Emily Greene 735-2475 emily.greene@lifeworksweb.org
Meals on Wheels	1) Groceries to Go 2) Medi Wheels 3) Care Calls 4) Handy Wheels 5) HOPE 6) Nutrition and Health 7) Meals for Kids 8) Country Wheels	Homebound, elderly, and disabled	1) Deliver hot meals 2) Shop and deliver vital groceries 3) Provide transportation to and from medical and dental appointments 4) Making "care calls" to clients 5) Perform minor home safety repairs	Theresa Medlin Bella 476-6325 (x108) tmedlin@mealsonwheelsandmore.org Denise Jimenez (x143) for meal delivery Kristin Organ (x141) for "And More" program
Micah 6	Food Pantry	Homeless and the impoverished in the University of Texas campus area	1) Serve on committees 2) Pick up and deliver donated food 3) Commit to defrost freezers, clean refrigerators or other maintenance chores 4) Plant a garden to provide fresh produce 5) Assist guests as they shop 6) Help stock shelves 7) Sponsor a grocery item drive	Charles Locklin 415-2407 chlocklin5@austin.rr.com
Mobile Loaves and Fishes	1) MLF SHARES 2) Habitat on Wheels	Homeless and working poor	1) Bread and Egg ministries 2) MLF Shares 3) Auction fundraiser 4) Food pick-up 5) Gardener 6) Grant writing 7) Make ready team 8) Office help 9) Sack lunch team 10) Truck servicing, maintenance, washing, and driving 11) Special events	Ruth 306-8036 ruth@mlfnw.org

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SafePlace	1) Emergency shelter 2) 24-hour hotline 3) Hospital accompaniment for sexual assault 4) Assault survivors, group and individual counseling for adults and children 5) Affordable housing through our transitional services program 6) Legal advocacy 7) Children's activities and therapeutic groups 8) Life Skills classes 9) Prevention and community education programs and systems advocacy	women, children & men affected by sexual or domestic violence	1) Clerical/administrative work 2) Fostering a client's pet in our SafePets program 3) Receiving donations and basic needs items in the warehouse 4) Provide support to clients as hospital or legal advocates 5) Children's activities volunteers 6) Shelter and house support volunteers 7) Provide outreach and education to the community through our Community Education volunteer program. 8) GED, ESL and Computer Class tutors that support our Life Skills and Grove Place adult education programs.	Primary Contact: info@austin-safeplace.org Volunteer Contact: Christine Langa - 356.1561/langa@austin-safeplace.org Donation Contact: Patty Carvajal -267-7233/pcarvajal@austin-safeplace.org
The Salvation Army	1) Passages 2) Downtown Shelter 3) Austin Shelter for Women and Children	Homeless men, women, and children	1) Soup Kitchen, cleaning, painting, clothes sorting, landscaping, drives for food, clothing 2) Clerical and data entry 3) Sponsor birthday for kids, special events, Angel Tree, and Toys for Tots	Bob Cox 634-5909 robert_cox@uss.salvationarmy.org
Trinity Center	1) Woman to Woman 2) Weekday Volunteer 3) Spiritual Support	1) women experiencing homelessness and/or poverty 2) anyone experiencing homelessness and/or poverty	1) prepare and serve breakfast and coffee, serve as a "personal shopper" for women in the clothing closet, sort clothing 2) prepare and serve breakfast and coffee, provide information about community resources, assist people with using computers and phones, visit with people and provide emotional support 3) lead a devotional, prayer service, Bible study, sing-along, or other spiritual support activity	Mary Rychlik 472-1196 Mary@TrinityCenterAustin.org
VinCare	1) St. Louise House 2) Outreach to Street Youth	Louise House serves women with children and Outreach to Street Youth serves homeless street youth	1) St. Louise House: child care volunteers; special project volunteers (preparing meals for resident meetings or holidays); donations organization. 2) Outreach to Street Youth: prepare and serve meals to youth living on the streets around UT. During the winter, assist with the cold weather shelters. 3) VinCare Services: fundraising; newsletter mailings; special events; community outreach; and office assistance.	Sharon Bieser bieser@vincare.org

For more volunteer opportunities, please call the United Way 's helpline at 2-1-1 or visit their website at www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org/gethelp/index.cfm Or Hands On Central Texas website at www.handsoncentraltexas.org. To learn more about homeless issues, please go to the Homeless Task Force/ECHO website at www.AustinHTF.org